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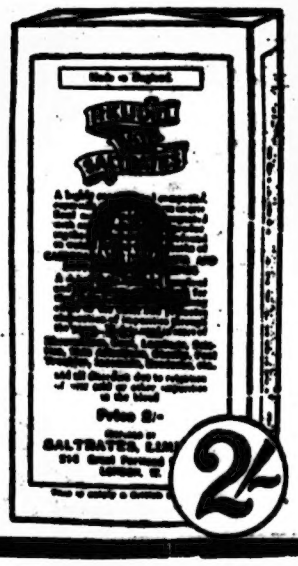

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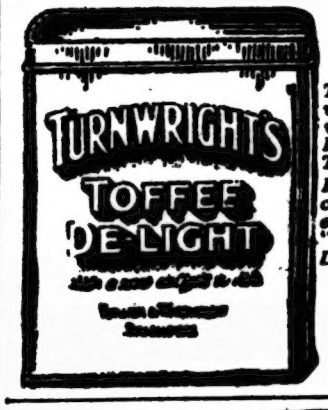

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We often meet refusal when we offer sweets to father,
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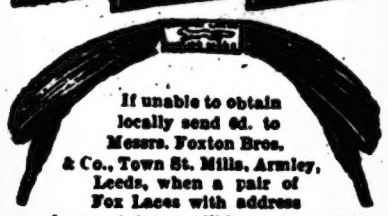

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Our Latest Recruit.

There was considerable fluttering in the official dovecots the other day when it was announced that Major Christopher Lowther—M.P. for North Cumberland, and son of the Speaker—had intimated to his Association that he had decided to leave the Coalition and cross over to our Bench. And there will be others.

The Speaker.

By the way, we hope it is not true that the Speaker himself has decided to vacate the Chair at an early date. It is in the highest interests of the country that he should see the present Parliament through. And, after all, that may not mean such a very long time.

Lord Robert Cecil.

We observe, too, that Lord Robert is threatening to cross over to the Independent Benches. We are afraid he will be a bit of a handful, but all the same he will be very welcome.

Farrow's Bank.

On another page will be found particulars of an offer we have made to the Liquidator, the acceptance of which will ensure a considerably enhanced dividend to the customers.

The John Bull Bank.

In this connection we have for some time past had under consideration the desirability of discouraging the formation of small private banks, and, as example is better than precept, we have decided to close down the John Bull Bank, which we are happy to know has an unsullied record. It is now intimating to its depositors and customers that their money may be withdrawn in full without reference to the terms of their Deposit Notes, or any other formalities.

In a Nutshell.

According to the *Methodist Times*, the present Government "was made by Lord Northcliffe, Lord Beaverbrook, Lord Riddell, and Mr. Bottomley," and, having put it there, "they can put it out again." How—since Dover—the power of the Press is being recognised!

That Air Raid.

On Friday of this week, at noon, there will be an interesting ceremony at St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden, the late Rector of which, the Rev. Mr. Mosse, was one of the victims of the terrible air-raid upon our printing and publishing premises on the 28th of January, 1918. We have promised to attend, as the object is to obtain the necessary further funds required to erect a fitting memorial of the devoted Pastor's services and those of other Covent Gardeners. Come and support us.

A False Alarm.

From the *Globe*: "The King's Trumpeter has died. So, too, we imagine, has Mr. Bottomley's." We never kept one.

An Appropriate Date.

It is quite in accordance with the fitness of things that Mr. Illingworth, with his entire absence of a sense of humour, should have fixed the First of April for increasing the charges to existing telephone subscribers. But by the time that date comes round he will have left the Treasury Bench.

The Wrong End of the Stick.

News evidently travels slowly to certain parts of Canada. Here we have, for instance, the *Christian Guardian*, of Toronto, explaining that we attacked Lady Astor, M.P., "because she dared champion the cause of Prohibition." We suppose what our contemporary meant was prohibition of reasonable facilities for divorce, such as are enjoyed by American citizens.

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Channel Tunnel and Unemployment.

Why on earth doesn't the Government approach France with a view to putting in hand immediately the construction of the Channel Tunnel—which would mean the absorption of thousands of unemployed men?

The Public Defender.

We are glad to have the active support of our old friend "Dagonet" of our proposal for establishing the office of a Public Defender. One of our first steps in the new Session will be to re-introduce our Bill with this object.

Britain and France.

Congratulations to General Townshend upon the great efforts he is making to strengthen the Anglo-French Alliance. Writing from Paris the other day, he says: "That way lies our only salvation; it is the only way to make Germany pay up, and it is the only way to avoid another war. Britain and France must stand united, not only in strategy and politics in Europe and in the East, but also in industry and commerce." Our colleague is losing no time in justifying his election.

Dover's Powders.

We were amused the other day to see Lord Midleton palming off our election joke about the desirability of administering a course of Dover's Powders to the Government. By the date of the poll it was quite a local chestnut.

Moral Degenerates.

Whether or not the Home Secretary decides to reprieve either or both of the Eastbourne murderers, there can be no question that they are a couple of moral degenerates, entirely oblivious to the character of the crime of which they have been convicted.

Worn Out Horses.

We understand that the traffic between this country and Belgium in worn-out horses has recently been considerably on the increase, and we intend when Parliament reassembles to press the Government to take prompt and vigorous action to end this scandal.

Not Guilty.

The famous Philadelphia paper, *The Public Ledger*, seriously accepts a rumour that we have become the Editor of *Punch*—encouraged, apparently, by the fact that our jovial contemporary has recently had a few plain words to say to America. But great minds often think alike.

A Warning.

With reference to the recent announcement of the intention of several hundred English families to go out to the Broken Hill Tin Mines, we are warned on good authority that the district is "the hardest, cruellest portion of Australia, and only the toughest native-born can make a living there." Intending emigrants, please note.

The Mad World.

Our attention has been called to a special article in the *Labour Leader* on the madness of the present world, in which it is stated, "If further evidence of the fact that the world is mad were needed, the continued popularity of Mr. Horatio Bottomley should suffice." By the same test, as applied to our contemporary, the world is undoubtedly extremely sane.

Things that Matter.

Our attention was arrested the other day by the following contents bills of two of our contemporaries: "Britain's Huge Task," "Gloomy Outlook for England." We naturally thought they had reference to the present critical condition of our country's trade and commerce, but on looking at the papers we found that—we were seventy-three runs behind in a cricket match in Australia! We are indeed a remarkable people.

Stranded Boys.

The authorities in places like Nottingham and Lancashire are alive to the dangers of thousands of workless girls being compelled to loiter in the streets; whilst a father in Maida Vale—where, as in other parts of the West End, slums are not unknown—draws attention to the same evil in regard to boys just leaving school. They are compelled to attend school two afternoons a week and can obtain no employment under such conditions. Surely it would be better to make them attend more frequently and teach them a trade.

Another Scrap of Paper.

There's a kink in the conscience of America quite incredibly German. One of the Hearst papers almost yells with delight because Argentine has now backed out of the League of Nations. "The South American Republic," it says, "established a precedent when it presumed to lead a movement in the League against the major countries of Europe. It established another when it withdrew its delegation. It has gone a step further in refusing to be bound by the letter of the covenant." As if it were almost an attribute of Divinity to dishonour your note of hand!

The Moneylender.

It seems not such a bad thing after all to make war against this country—and lose. It was ostensibly on account of Austria that the war started; and since the peace she has had thousands of pounds out of the philanthropy of this country to support her starving kiddies. Now it appears that one of the items on the agenda for the next Allied Conference is a loan to Austria of £50,000,000. Said loan would have to be financed mainly by Great Britain, because France can do little in it, while Italy can probably do nothing at all. As a nation of "pie-cans," verily do we take the medal!

Laxey's Flour Aflame.

If it had not been for the work of the village fire brigade it is probable nothing at all would now be left of Laxey's famed flour mills. When they were seen to be on fire it was 12.30. The fire brigades from Douglas and Ramsey were at once summoned. The Douglas men arrived at 1 p.m. in motor-cars—minus the fire engine. That arrived at 2.30, without fires; and it was 3 o'clock before pumping could be started from the river. What time the Ramsey brigade arrived and got to work our informant does not know. Perchance it is the custom in the Isle of Man for all the fire brigades to start their afternoon nap at the same time?

That is the Question.

Thus Mr. G. B. Hurst, M.P., writing in the *Nineteenth Century*: "Their Real Hero: I have shown a party of soldiers over the House of Commons; lingered by the table on which was signed the death-warrant of Charles the First; pointed out the statues of Chatham and Pitt, and Millais's portraits of Beaconsfield and Gladstone; and indicated in the chamber where successive Prime Ministers have helped us to mould the destinies of the world, with such historical illustrations as I imagined in my vanity would befit an ex-Scholar of Lincoln. 'All very interesting sir,' replied a patient soldier; but what we really want to know is where Mr. Bottomley sits.'" An intelligent chap, that.

Sauce for the Goose——

In June, 1920, the labourers employed by Sheffield's "City Fathers" applied for an increase of wages. The Establishment Committee has been thinking it over, and has just decided to refuse the application on the ground of "the reduction which has taken place in the cost of living." Meanwhile, the Finance Committee has raised the Sewage Works Manager's salary by £250 a year, and that of the Baths Superintendent by £50 a year. Naturally the labourers are feeling sore about it. If wage economy is to be practised, it should be practised all round.

A "Handsome Reward."

The King's Lynn branch of Barclay's Bank evidently consider that honesty is its own reward. Recently a package of notes to the value of £700, found lying in the street, was promptly returned to the bank. A "handsome" reward was promised, and after some delay and signing of documents the old lady (who is none too well off) who thus saved the heavy loss was handed the magnificent sum of 10s.! Surely Sir William Nicholls, who is a Director of the Bank, and whom we recently had the pleasure of sincerely congratulating on his knighthood, does not know of this shabby treatment?

Both YOU and
AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN
will be interested in the striking two-colour cover of the *Passing Show*—on Sale Monday, January 31—and still only 2d.

Free, Gratis and for Nothing.

Manchester Councillors have decided to feast themselves once a month at the ratepayers' expense. Isn't the burden of the high rates heavy enough already without increasing the load on the back of the ratepayer by forcing him to provide a gratis blow-out for wind-bags and wiseacres?

A Dressing-down.

Hats off to those Durham co-operators who believe in fair play for ex-soldiers. The Committee of the local Co-operative Society dismissed from the clerical staff an ex-Service man (who was there before the war) and replaced him by a girl of 14, because (in the words of Mr. Meade, the President) "it was actuated by a desire to curtail expenditure." A dressing-down, richly deserved, has been administered to the Committee, who were told by the Society as a whole to reconsider the decision. We trust ere now the ex-soldier is back in his old position.

The Parson's Pay.

Some parsons get too little and others too much, and we don't care who knows it. In Scotland, a minister of the Established Church receives a stipend according to the price of grain. For instance, we are told that at a little church not much larger than a good-sized barn in a small town near Perth, the stipend of the minister used to be about £300 a year; he now receives nearly £1,000. "And there are no doubt others," according to an Edinburgh informant. "This hardly seems right with so little to do there, while many a minister with towns involving any amount of work gets about a third of this, or even less." We agree.

Coats's on the Reel.

Poor seamstresses, above all people, will be glad that at long last Coats's, the great millionaire profiteers in reeled cotton, have let down the price 2d. a reel. It may come down more, for it has been kept up largely by their agreement with the Drapers' Chamber of Trade in regard to fixed selling price. Coats's have now put an end to it, or at any rate an end has been put to it, so that unless the drapers can combine and fix a price among themselves, consumers will probably get the benefit of competition.

Another Liar, U.S.A.

All sorts of infamous lies about this country are being told to the United States Foreign Relations Committee. We do not know whether they have heard the latest one. It comes from a man named L. Webb, a carpenter, who writes from Washington. Enclosing copy of a letter from Senator Hitchcock, he says: "This letter was given me for proof and information that the *Lusitania* was sunk by an English submarine which was ordered to do so by the British Admiralty." The Committee might like to hear this worthy carpenter as a witness also. He appears to be not only a liar but a lunatic.

Exchange *is* Robbery.

A great hardship is inflicted upon the widows, resident in Canada, of British soldiers who made the great sacrifice. Owing to the fall in value of the English pound sterling, pension cheques have been depreciated by about 25 per cent. A typical case is that of the Canadian widow of an R.N.R. captain, whose vessel was sunk with all hands on board. The poor woman was granted a pension of £100, which is worth rather less than £75 in a country even more in the grip of the American money market than our own. Surely cases of this kind should be revised, from time to time, by the Ministry of Pensions.

Where They Should Be.

Tenterden Borough Council in their wisdom recently caused two German field guns, given to them for exhibition, to be placed against the local War Memorial to the noble dead. The district ex-Service men naturally objected to the presence of Hunnish objects on such a sacred site. As their request for the guns' transference elsewhere was ignored, the boys gathered together and dragged the obnoxious weapons to the other end of the town. The Tenterden blunderers on the Council took the hint, for when the guns were brought back they were placed in a new position flanking the entrance and exit of the public lavatory.

Hard on the Unemployed.

Just a word to employers who are likely to advertising for workers to fill a vacancy. These "wanted" ads. are often sent to the papers with an order for two or three insertions. That sort of thing is all right when employment is brisk, but nowadays, with so many seeking work, the job is generally filled after the advertisement has appeared once. Yet, through thoughtlessness maybe, the announcement is allowed to appear the next day, and perhaps the day after. This causes many of the workless to spend ill-afforded fares, or tramp many miles, to apply for a job, only to find it has been filled the day before. Many of our readers have had such an experience, and they feel bitter about it.

"Fatal Forty."

The Colonial Office now seems inclined to relax its own rule against the employment of men over 35 years of age, at any rate in the case of those who have served, and earned some little consideration from the Government. Prior to this, however, the man of 40 applying for a job, no matter how distinguished his record and how suitable he might be for a post, was turned down by the Department simply on the score of age. We welcome the change, and hope the new spirit of appreciation of the middle-aged man will spread to other Departments.

Busy Policemen!

What a pity it is Doncaster's Chief Constable cannot find more thrilling work for his policemen than setting them to watch small shopkeepers who open on a Sunday! Week after week one or more of these tradesmen appear before the Magistrates and are fined 5s. each. Even the customers, when "caught," have to pay a similar penalty. In one case, according to a correspondent, watch was kept for ten weeks. Are all the Town Councillors who uphold the Chief Constable's action as particular about themselves? Do any of them ever play golf?

The Devious Dustman.

According to the Rev. Ramsay Cooper, Vice-chairman of the Hendon District Council, the dustmen of Pinner took a holiday for which they were paid, and then went around collecting Christmas boxes from people whom they had shockingly incommoded by neglecting to remove the dust. "He challenged anyone to take on the British workman of to-day and get him to do his work properly, no matter what they paid him." But it's all right. Things will straighten out by and by. There will soon be no work for anybody to do, so that nobody will have to do anything.

An Organist.

Ex-Sergeant Charles Lilburn was the first music-hall artist to join up; this in August 1914. To-day he is tramping the streets, wasting a talented voice in singing to the raucous tones of a barrel organ by way of making a living. Music-hall managers cannot find a place for him, it seems; but their audiences "have the satisfaction to know, if it is a satisfaction," a reader tells us, "that they are being entertained by German performers instead." We understood there were no German performers on the British stage. If there are, who are they? We are anxious to give them a free advertisement.

Shackcloth and Ashes.

When P.C. Shackcloth recently visited the King's Head, Hackford, he found in the living-room two draymen and one empty glass. Smelling the glass, Shackcloth inferred that it had contained a liquid known as beer, and shrewdly—too shrewdly—suspected that said beer had been served to aforesaid draymen during prohibited hours. At the Wymondham Petty Sessions the beerhouse-keeper explained that he had treated himself to a glass of his own beer. Dismissing the case as "very suspicious," Major Evans Lombie exhorted Shackcloth not to slacken his efforts to discover drinking during prohibited hours. On the contrary, Shackcloth should cover himself with ashes. Even the draymen who bring the beer cannot be invited by the landlord to have a free refresher. And this in England!

Where to Bathe.

That provision of baths in factories is not wanted by the workers is shown by the statement of a Nottingham firm that out of their four hundred employees only two used the baths a week. No doubt the Home Office earnestly thought they were satisfying a need in making the order for baths compulsory, but we are of opinion that as people prefer to bath at home the compulsion to make provision should be applied to owners of houses instead of to employers of labour.

Wangling.

Will the Prime Minister have the goodness to inform us, as we are informed, whether it is true that Food Control staffs are not being dispensed with, but are being converted, at least as to some of them, into Inspectors under the Entertainments Tax Act? Further, whether amusement caterers have been already notified by the Inland Revenue authorities that they will not in future accept the certificates of chartered accountants as to the weekly amounts of tax payable?

Hunbritish.

Regarding what we were saying recently as to the importation of German engraved music plates into England, it is pointed out to us that one of the biggest music publishing firms in London imported German engraved plates wholesale in pre-war days, and printed music sheets as well. On the edges of the sheets was inscribed "Printed in Germany," but when the sheets were folded and trimmed the inscription "went into the paper shaving bin." We have little doubt that a similar practice prevails to-day.

"Two Little Victims."

The fund inaugurated by the Rev. D. B. L. Nedwill, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Sunderland, in aid of the ex-Service man Denis Corr, and his two little children, Masie and Denis, and to which our own Fund subscribed, has flourished exceedingly. Mr. Nedwill has acknowledged by post all subscriptions where name and address were given, and now asks us to thank, on his behalf, anonymous donors. We cannot spare space for details, but have pleasure in announcing that the sum of anonymous donations is £6 15s.

Jewellery "Bargains."

While human nature loves a bargain, imitation jewellery shops will flourish. Still, the Crown Emporium, Ltd.—a concern whose methods we have often criticised—will not relish the advertisement given them at Bow Street, when they were fined £20 and ordered to pay a like amount for costs. The case arose out of the purchase of a ring, which the buyer returned, stating he had expected real diamonds. For the defence it was argued that no sensible person could have been deceived, but apparently some persons are very trusting. Perhaps in future they will look twice at their bargains.

"Have You Done It Yet?"

This is the new greeting between friends. It's the "J.B." Puzzle. Old maids in the country are burning the midnight oil, flappers in town are using up father's electric light—father and mother are also at it—all working overtime trying to be the first to solve it. It's the first ten correct solutions that get the £500. So trot round to the newsagent with your "bob" and make the best investment of your life

"DRI-PED" TALKS

"If you had a Foot-Meter?"

"What do I know about walking? I ain't always had this old bus to take me round. Did two years in the Infantry before I got a billet in the M.T. Not 'arf I didn't. And I does a bit of walking now—just for a rest. If them boots of yours ain't waterproof, what you got to do is to get 'em soled with 'DRI-PED'."

"That's the leather stamped with purple diamonds, isn't it?"

"That's right, mate; stamped with purple diamonds, and don't you forget it. Some folks crack on they use unstamped 'DRI-PED.' There ain't no such thing. All real 'DRI-PED' has the purple diamond stamp every few inches or so on every piece, and it's only the real stuff that keeps out the wet, wears twice as long, and makes you as happy walking as if you was riding in this old bus."

"I got a meter on this 'ere bus to show folks what it costs 'em to ride; you gas people has meters to show folks how much light costs 'em. Funny some bloke ain't invented a foot meter to show what walking costs. If you had a foot meter and used 'DRI-PED' you'd say 'good-bye' to ordinary leather for good."

"And now I've given you some useful information perhaps you'll oblige a gentleman with a light."

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THE MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS.

TERRIBLE SACRIFICE OF CHILD LIFE ON THE ALTAR OF PREJUDICE.

By W. CHARLES PILLEY (*Assistant Editor*).

THIS week I approach an aspect of this many-sided theme which must command the sympathetic interest of every humane man and woman, apart entirely from any views that may be held upon the subject of preventive treatment, which has formed the main burden of my earlier articles. I want to show that the ravages of Venereal Disease are not confined to those who can, in any sense, be described as "wrongdoers"—that in this matter the old Scriptural phrase is every day receiving a tragic fulfilment, "the sins of the fathers" being "visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." For the purposes of this single article, we can afford to leave aside altogether those moral arguments which, in the minds of some, tend to obliterate altogether all sense of the physical horror that confronts us. At the outset I submit, with confidence, that if science can prevent it no child should suffer for its parents' fault, and if it can be shown that a simple medical expedient can, in all likelihood, relieve the children of the race from a damnable heritage of disease and torture, then no decent-minded individual can say that the experiment lacks the highest moral sanction. For this week we will talk only of the children. They are innocent; their fate too often is of a kind to appal the stoutest imagination. Let us examine the facts.

Innocent Sufferers.

That the two principal venereal diseases are among the chief causes of serious physical decay in early childhood is a fact that any doctor will confirm. On the evidence of the most distinguished physicians it is estimated that Venereal Disease accounts for twenty thousand still-births per annum, and for more than ten per cent. of the deaths of children under the age of seven years. Every hospital has its quota of what are colloquially known as "wasters"—poor mites who, from their birth, have never had a chance to get a grip of life at all owing entirely to the taint of syphilis. The sufferings endured by these unhappy babies are only dimly to be guessed, and it is indeed a merciful fate that so often puts an end to their agony within the first few months of existence. Not all are so fortunate. In the course of my researches into this subject, it has been my painful duty to get right down to the bed-rock facts, and I have been permitted to inspect a series of photographic plates showing the terrible physical manifestations of Venereal Disease on the faces and bodies of children who, but for this fearful scourge, might have been the prettiest types of English babyhood. The sight has horrified and sickened me. It is monstrous, criminal, wicked!

Blind from Birth.

Consider again the extent to which congenital blindness is proved on the soundest medical evidence to be, in a vast number of cases, the direct result of venereal infection in the mother. The statistics available are of a kind that should challenge the conscience of the nation. I have space for no more than a general summary of the conclusions reached by careful medical research into this matter, the broad effect of which is to show that of the blind pupils attending special schools in Great Britain no fewer than one-third owe their misfortune to gonorrhœal infection. In the United States, where exhaustive inquiries have been conducted, results of a still more appalling nature have been reached, it being estimated that out of 50,568 blind persons in the Republic no fewer than 39 per cent. owe their condition to venereal contagion. In Canada, it is estimated that 24 per cent. of the children in blind schools owe their incurable affliction to a similar cause. In this country, equally thorough investigation would, in the opinion of most doctors, result in still more terrible revelations. Thus does this fearful world scourge claim its toll of the innocent. Nor is this all. For one child who is affected with blindness, or other well-marked reflection of the hidden plague, there are probably a dozen who carry the consequences of the disease in enfeebled constitutions and impoverished blood, laying them open in childhood or later life to the attack of any malignant germ. A consensus of medical opinion goes to show that Venereal Disease is the greatest menace under which the child-life of this nation suffers at the moment. Through our fatal apathy in this matter, we are allowing the life-blood of the Empire to be poisoned at its source.

Our Paramount Duty.

Surely, in the face of these startling facts and figures, the so-called "moral" argument is out of Court. I will put it in this way. I am satisfied, after the fullest and most exhaustive inquiry, that means exist for the prevention, as distinct from the cure, of these terrible diseases. I will not stay to argue whether persons taking risks of this kind deserve protection from the consequences of their folly. For the moment, I simply ask the public to recognise that, broadly speaking, those who indulge from time to time in promiscuous intercourse are potential mothers and fathers, and, unless we place in their hands a means of cleanliness, it is not merely possible—but probable—that sooner or later they will pass on this deadly infection to some innocent child. It may be said, of course, that such action, when deliberate, is criminal, and so it is. So also, in my opinion, is the neglect of a civilised community to seize upon the preventive means that science puts into its hands, and thus protect the babies of to-morrow from the murderous incidence of the disease that damns.

MISPLACED MERCY.

PALTRY PUNISHMENT FOR A FOUL OFFENCE.

There is no worse menace to the moral health of the community than the man with perverted sexual instincts. There seems, however, a tendency in some Magisterial quarters to treat this repellant crime lightly. A case in point is that of John Durham, a resident of Hawarden, with a shop at Queensferry, who was charged at the Hawarden Petty Sessions with "committing an indecent assault upon a certain male person." There is no need for us to repeat the details of his disgusting offence. It is sufficient that the evidence against him was of such a character that the Magistrates declared by their Chairman (Mr. T. R. Probert) that the case was clearly proved. Despite this, sympathy for the defendant was first expressed. On behalf of the Bench the Chairman assured the foul offender "that they regretted very much to see him in a position of that sort." Their chief concern, indeed, appears to have been for the culprit. That, presumably, is why they imposed a paltry fine of £5 and costs, instead of a term of imprisonment with hard labour. Further to emphasise their sympathy with the creature Durham, the Bench actually consented to the withdrawal of two other similar cases against him. If that is how the morals of the boys of Queensferry are guarded, parents would be well advised to place that district out of bounds for their children.

THE AUTOCRAT OF TOMATOLAND.

REBELLION QUELLED AND LOYALTY RESTORED.

There has been a rebellion in "Tomatoland," but its autocrat has repressed it. The leading character is Mr. D. Colville Stewart, founder and sole proprietor of "Tomatoland," Malvern, Worcestershire. He ordered Lewis Charles Layton, a youth of seventeen, employed at "Tomatoland" since the age of fourteen, to don sandwich-boards and promenade some of the town's principal streets from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lad, who should have finished his work at 5 p.m., flatly refused to obey. Thereupon Mr. Stewart waxed wrathful and gave him a week's notice. The following Saturday, when paying the men he employed, Mr. Stewart asked each one of them if he considered the youth was right in refusing the sandwich-man act. All answered "Yes." Mr. Stewart again waxed wrathful, thought of the late Jacky Fisher's famous advice, and gave the lot a week's notice. Even the Works Manager, who also agreed with Layton's viewpoint, got his notice too! Thus these men were thrown out of work for giving a truthful answer. We are informed that most of them are ex-soldiers, and that two were badly wounded while fighting for their country and "Tomatoland." The Autocrat of Tomatoland had no difficulty in replacing the men he had "fired." However, he made one stipulation. "No union men wanted," he said in his advertisement. 'Nuff said.

BREAD IN THE BONE.

GERMANS BACK IN BRITISH BAKERIES.

'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true, but the British bakery trade has always been specially fond of Huns. It was fond of Huns before the war; and now with open arms it is welcoming them back again. The hand which reeks with the blood of our best and bravest is making and baking our bread once again. Listen to what "An English Baker" in New Barnet tells us. "While the Government are pleading for the unemployed, they are allowing thousands of German and Austrian bakers to pour into the country. All over London master bakers are smuggling these creatures in, and they are working double the hours that we do, and for half the money. The master bakers are hiding these men in their underground dug-outs—working at nights, and turning our own flesh and blood away. What for? Cheapness, of course—not because they are better bakers than we are, for we are their equal at any time and at anything." There ought not to be a single German or Austrian employed in this country while there is one willing and capable Briton out of a job, and even then we should prefer he should abide with the breed which gave him life. "It is a disgrace to the British master baker that he should encourage the Hun not only to make our bread but to eat it, while his own countrymen—many of whom are suffering physically from the gallant part they played in the war—starve.

HOMELESS AT SEVEN.

STRANGE PROTECTION FOR UNNATURAL PARENTS.

Portsmouth has a bright boy of seven who has no home. He was brought to town from London by his mother and taken to the street where his father lived. Apparently he was left outside the house because the father would not take him in. The police found him, with the result that he appeared before the Magistrates charged with "wandering abroad." The Bench, who were charmed with the boy, were informed that his parents had separated by mutual agreement, and that each had another partner. In the report of the case no names were given—a fact at which several of our Portsmouth readers are incensed. We agree with them. Parents who are so lost to their responsibility should not be shielded—unless there are reasons which have been withheld. It is a case to be watched.

ANOTHER BRUSH WITH BROWN.

KINROSS BILLPOSTER BROUGHT TO BOOK.

Once more we take leave to introduce ourselves to Mr. David Brown, billposter, printer, etc., of Kinross. Mr. Brown may remember us. Twice already has he had the displeasure of our acquaintance—the first time on October 15th, 1910; the last on May 1st, 1915. Brown had been advertising on both occasions for a man to do billposting, deliver handbills, clean printer's rollers, hawk stationery, and walk twenty miles a day for a sweating wage and a house—a one-room shack. The shack is still there, or one very much like it, with rats, bugs and fleas, and filth thrown in, and Brown is still going strong. It was to this home in the alley—15, Old Causeway—that Brown introduced his latest acquisition to his own particular field of industry, after inducing the poor devil to part with his own little collection of sticks, "as the place was furnished." When James Lowe, D.C., who fought in Flanders at the age of 17 and bears about him the scars of battle, took his wife and little family into this place, he found it was furnished all right—furnished with filthy bags, carpets, old clothes, stenches, gaping floor holes, a broken chair, a rusty bedstead, and damp-sodden mattresses "torn and reeking and literally walking with bugs and fleas." This place, it should be explained, was thrown in with his 22s. a week, so at least we gather. Brown kept the man working at his job from 8 a.m. till 7 p.m. After four weeks of it, Lowe asked him for an increase in wages, and he appears to have accompanied his request by some remarks scarcely calculated to get it. Brown instantly refused the increase, said he could get a boy to do the job at 10s. a week, gave his employee notice to leave, and on the very day his employment ceased, a week before Christmas, instructed a solicitor to demand possession of his miserable shack. The only other accommodation possible to Lowe at the time was the workhouse, and he had to beg from door to door to get the money to purchase the stamp which brought his story to us. Nor is this all. When Lowe refused to clear, Brown went to the house and bullied Mrs. Lowe in his absence, threatening to evict her. "I'm paying 1s. 6d. a day, going to Kelty looking for work, out of my pension of 30s., leaving 21s. to feed four hungry stomachs on," he writes. "Our Christmas dinner consisted of bread, margarine, and tea. Oh, for a helping hand!" Brown maun be a prood mon the day.

All "shoppers"—the vast majority of the people—as well as tradesmen, will be interested in the announcement of the prize competition fully described on page ii. of cover. As much as £400 in cash is offered in prizes for the effective display of popular commodities, and we doubt not that retailers throughout the country will readily take advantage of this unique opportunity to increase trade.

"SHARING THE SHAME."

A SCANDAL THAT MUST CEASE WITHOUT DELAY.

The head-line of this article is the expression of the Stipendiary Magistrate of Salford, on the occasion of a case recently before him. The defendant, whose name unfortunately was not published, was described as respectably dressed, and had been arrested for non-payment of £2 in respect of an illegitimate child. The mother of the infant, a "young woman of refined appearance," had had to leave two situations to avoid her fellow employees discovering her "shame." Whether a woman has yielded herself in a moment of passionate abandon, or has succumbed to a lengthy siege of calculated seduction, her punishment is grossly disproportionate to the "shame" and suffering—if any—of her partner in this breach of the social law. What share does he bear of the anguish of mind, the physical pains, the scorn and contumely of the unco' guid, the economic hardship of the expenses of confinement and convalescence, the lost and handicapped earning capacity? In too many cases, so far from bearing even the small share which he can, the man forces the woman to dare the publicity of the open Court to enforce her "rights," and thus apparently loses the last shred of manliness. Yet, even after the "Order" has been obtained at such dreaded cost, the woman's cup may not be full of the bitter draught. A "rotter" such as under comment may compel her again and again to uncover her "shame" by the simple process of neglecting to pay the few shillings obligatory under the Order. In dozens of cases the girl has not enough spirit to repeat this process, and hides her bitterly repentant head, bearing her shame alone, driven from hard-found berths to preserve her secret. And the "respectably" dressed male, grinning with triumph, boasts his conquests, and some day contaminates with marriage some decent girl. If the Salford Stipendiary keeps his word, such of these gentry as come under his dealing will find themselves arrested in the most public manner at the time and place which will afford the utmost publicity. If a dose of jail, in addition to making these cads pay their reluctant shillings, can be awarded, their total share of the punishment will a little more closely fit the crime.

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FLOGGING SICK CHILDREN.

GRAVE SCANDAL CONNIVED AT BY METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD

AT a recent meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board a vigorous discussion arose on the motion of a member, "That all forms of Corporal Punishment be abolished in the Board's Institutions." Ne sooner was this painful theme mooted than it was evident that a serious scandal was afoot, and members were aghast at the statements of the principal supporter of the motion—a Mr. Hubbard—who stated in round terms that a boy in one of the Board's hospitals had been "brutally flogged," the case having actually been brought to the notice of the local Inspector of Police, who was alleged to have declared that "he had never seen so bad a case, and was surprised that the N.S.P.C.C. did not take the matter up at the time." In face of this extraordinary challenge, it might have been expected that some official contradiction would have been forthcoming, but apparently no one was concerned seriously to dispute the allegations of Mr. Hubbard—supported by several other members. Ultimately the resolution against corporal punishment was lost, on a division, by 27 votes to 13. In other words, the Metropolitan Asylums Board, by a substantial majority, has endorsed the use of the cane in institutions tenanted for the most part by children in a delicate state of health, who, in the nature of the case, are entirely at the mercy of those temporarily entrusted with their care. This, to our mind, is a sufficiently grave situation. Worse lies behind.

Sick Children Flogged.

After careful and searching investigation, we are able to state that Mr. Hubbard was not speaking without his book. The disclosures he made at the Board's meeting were true in substance and in fact—the incident in question being one of a series of sinister episodes that have occurred at the Millfield Asylum, Rustington, Sussex, a home for children afflicted with the grave malady of tuberculosis. As is frequently the case with this disease, the children at this institution are not confined to bed, but they are all in a precarious condition of health, and it should be obvious to any person alive to the ordinary dictates of humanity that they should be treated with the utmost kindness and consideration. Instead, we find that the school or hospital—it is a blend of both—is, or was until a recent date, subject to disciplinary rules almost as strict as those obtaining in Industrial Schools. A feature of the equipment is a "punishment book," in which the Matron is required to enter particulars of any physical chastisement inflicted upon her charges, and our enquiries show that as long ago as December, 1919, the vogue which the cane had obtained in this institution was a crying scandal; so much so, indeed, that early last year the Metropolitan Asylums Board ordered an Inquiry into the conduct of the Home, with special reference to the responsibility of the Matron, Miss A. Scott, for certain cases of savage ill-treatment, which had been the subject of parental complaint. With great difficulty we have succeeded in obtaining a copy of the Report of this Inquiry—which was, of course, treated by the Board as a privileged and confidential document. In all that follows we confine ourselves strictly to the contents of this official document.

Savage Brutality.

The Committee of Inquiry examined a number of witnesses, including the Matron of the institution, the Medical Superintendent, several parents who had complained of the ill-treatment of their children, and the local Inspector of Police. They found that in the space of a fortnight eight boys, all victims of tubercular disease, had been thrashed with cruel severity for simple breaches of school discipline which, under any humane system, might have been suitably corrected without the use of force. Nor had this reign of terror been of short duration. During an earlier period of nine days, which was the subject of enquiry, nineteen cases of flogging appeared in the punishment book. In two cases the Committee found that injuries of a serious character had been inflicted upon the poor little victims, one boy being so badly marked that his father, on discovering his condition, took him to the local police station—with the result stated by Mr. Hubbard at the recent meeting of the Board. The responsibility for this organised system of brutality rested apparently upon the Matron who, if she had not administered the floggings herself, had superintended the operation, the actual execution having, in some instances, been carried out by the general mechanic of the institution, who was severely censured by the Committee for his part in the affair. The net effect of the Inquiry was to exhibit the Matron in an extremely bad light—as a woman utterly devoid of the ordinary humane qualities needed in a post of this description; and it was recommended that she should be transferred to another of the Board's institutions in which her proclivities for child torture might find smaller scope, the Committee at the same time reprimanding the Medical Superintendent, who was proved to have aided and abetted the Matron in the lavish use of the cane. Unfortunately, this damning Report has hitherto been treated as a secret document. It has been left to the resources of our own investigators to drag it to the light of day.

The Crux of the Position.

Clearly the publication of the foregoing facts alters the whole position. It is obvious that those who, a few weeks ago, supported the motion condemning corporal punishment had far better reasons than the public were allowed to know. It is not a pleasant thing to think that sick children, under the care of a public body like the Metropolitan Asylums Board, are liable to be made the victims of any hard-hearted official who may happen to be placed in charge of them. In regard to Miss Scott, it is only fair to say that she is an isolated exception to the general rule of womanly kindness that obtains in the nursing profession. In the circumstances, however, it is deplorable that a majority of the Metropolitan Asylums Board should sanction the continuance in institutions for sick children of methods of punishment which, if desirable at all, should only be applied to those in normal health. The vote for the use of the cane in such institutions as the Millfield Asylum is one that the public conscience will emphatically condemn.

SEVERAL FOOLS AND SOME MONEY.

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Edward Clark is, or was, a labourer. Since September last, he has not found anything for his hands to do—or if he has, he did it not. The unemployment dole and a pension of 8s. a week enabled him to carry on. At Scarborough he was arraigned for being drunk and disorderly. Whereupon he told a tale to make the patient tax-payer tear his remaining hair, and gnash his teeth, if any. The Pensions Ministry paid him out a lump sum of £103, and in one brief but busy day he "blewed" a trifle of £50. The Magistrates took another 10s. and let him go. Thus he was enlarged with £52 10s. in "ready," as to which he modestly claimed, "I am capable of looking after it myself." If any exasperated tax-payer should ask how these things can be, it may be explained that where a man has a pension he may, for some approved purpose, commute it and take a lump sum in lieu. This is to enable any enterprising and earnest man, with a good prospect but no ready cash, to set himself up in a small way. But here we have a labourer who has lived on the unemployment dole for months, and with no apparent prospects whatever, let loose with £103 of the tax-payers' money in one lump. The £52 10s. will probably be "looked after" as capably as the £50 which has gone.

"GUYING GANDHI."

PLAYING WITH "INDIAN FIRE."

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is at present in India, engaged in the dual task of inaugurating certain reforms and preparing the ground for the future visit of the Prince of Wales. The Duke is a cool and capable representative of the monarchy. In his hands the dignity of his own position and the prestige of Britain are safe. But, unfortunately, incessant Bolshevist propaganda is being carried on. Yet we read in a Government organ the complacent statement that at an entertainment in the Duke's honour there was included a sketch, farce, or playlet in which the notorious fanatic Gandhi was "guyed." The Eastern mind is incapable of appreciating the "joke" of a cartoon, the humour of a caricature, or the more or less subtle fun of a "guying" sketch. It takes this sort of thing in deadly seriousness, and the asinine foolery of such "guying" may yet light a fire that will take much letting of blood to put out. Cannot this long tale of foolery stop? We should prove to the Indian races that we are a wise, just and powerful people, bent on promoting the welfare of the Indian Empire. Gag the "guyers," suppress the clowns, keep out the ranters and canters, and give ordinary British common-sense and fairplay a chance!

PROBLEM OF THE PIECES.

THE GREAT "JOHN BULL" PUZZLE.

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CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. C. A. McCurdy, M.P., Minister of the Interior, London.

DEAR MR. MCCURDY,—You will doubtless be interested in the remarks made by Mr. Justice Rowlatt, in the course of an action for damages arising out of the non-delivery of potatoes under a contract, the defence being that an Order of the Food Controller cancelled the contract. Shortly, his Lordship remarked that the Order issued claimed powers not possessed by the King or anybody else since this country was a country, likewise that the English of it was so bad and the language so loose that the author ought to be whipped, "as any schoolboy would be who produced such a composition." That, dear sir, is what I call mustard. As it is, what do you propose to do about it? JOHN BULL.

To Councillor T. Robinson, of the Lanchester Rural District Council.

DEAR ROBINSON,—You are the limit! During a meeting of the Council, of which you are an ornament (I *don't* think) you went out of your way to say that the talk about ex-Service men was all a lot of Tommy rot, and that they did "no more to win the war than the men who stayed at home." Another choice remark of yours at the same meeting was: "I would put my fingers to my nose to the men in khaki. I scorn them." I think you had better be careful, Robinson, or perhaps some of the khaki heroes will put *their* fingers to *your* nose, and save you the trouble. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Philip Moore, St. John the Divine, Merton.

ESTEEMED SIR,—It has been brought to my notice that, since your demobilisation as a padré, you have been of great assistance, in an unostentatious way, to many ex-Service men, in obtaining their pensions and also in getting financial help for their families. In the latter case, I believe that the help frequently comes from your own pocket. I also understand that, aided by your congregation, you have opened a relief kitchen, and distributed to distressed families, three times a week, good, wholesome soup, free of cost. I have no desire, in giving publicity to your practical Christianity and good-fellowship to old comrades, to compliment you on merely doing your duty. You would probably regard praise as impertinence. There are others, however, to whom your example may serve as a stimulant in these days when the gulf between Christian precept and practice is so wide. JOHN BULL.

To Sir Thomas T. Shann, Chairman of Licensing Bench, Manchester.

PECKSNIFFIAN SIR,—In refusing to allow the National Union of Railwaymen and the Independent Labour Party to hold special Sunday concerts on behalf of the Distressed Widows' and Orphans' Fund, you said that "if people wanted music, there was plenty of good music in churches and chapels." Refusing to allow the transfer of an off-licence to be included in the sale of a small grocery business, you said that "there might be a danger of bottles of whisky going down on household bills as groceries." Are you trying to provide Manchester with a tuppenny imitation of the Kaiser? JOHN BULL.

To Capt. the Rev. R. M. Kedward, Hon. Branch President, N.F.D.D.S.S., Bermondsey.

DEAR CAPTAIN,—I hear with pleasure of the very practical good work you have been doing for the past nine or ten weeks in aid of so many unemployed ex-Service men walking the streets of Bermondsey. Daily at the offices of the Federation, so I am informed, you provide between 200 and 250 hungry ex-soldiers with free coffee and substantial sandwiches, and in addition, at the Great Central Hall, daily dinner to over 200 unemployed men and women, to say nothing of free clothing. As everybody recognises this as fine Christian work, Captain, to what everybody sees I cannot shut my eyes. There is dire need for all you do, and my hope is that those who have something to spare will help you to do it. JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman, Board of Guardians, Grimsby.

SIR,—I notice that your Board have only just decided not to take any action in regard to the central heating scheme for the workhouse, which scheme was condemned in October last by a Ministry of Health Inspector. October is late enough to discuss heating schemes for an institution which contains 350 aged women. When the discussion over such a scheme is allowed to drift on for several months after it has been disapproved, it becomes clear that the Board is, as a body, scandalously inefficient to have charge of the interests of the aged poor. When the members intend to proceed with a new heating scheme, my information does not say—possibly you do not know yourselves; but when they are enjoying the warmth and cosiness of their own prosperous firesides on these cold evenings, I hope that a pang of compunction may pierce their consciences. JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman, Bench of Magistrates, Hampstead Police Court.

O CÆSAR!—A recent judgment of your Bench opens up an interesting speculation as to whether elevation to the giddy height of a Cadi exercises some mysterious psychological influence on the minds and natures of otherwise very ordinary citizens. For instance, a man had a drain which rats had undermined, and the surface on the adjacent roadway gave way. The Council ordered him to repair the drain. He did not, and was fined £10 by you. Consider the man's dilemma: If he interfered with the highway to repair the drain, he could be prosecuted. If he did not repair the drain he could be prosecuted. You had him either way. What (and why) has he got to do *now*? JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Ion Carroll, Vicar of St. Peter's, Rushden, Northants.

DEAR VICAR,—It is quite apparent from the prompt way in which you stopped the temperance lecture at which you presided, when the lecturer stated that "drink fills our gaols," that you are not prepared to give countenance to the customary "Pussyfoot" lies, so dear to the hearts of the meddlers belonging to the various temperance organisations. I can imagine the surprise and discomfiture of the lecturer when you pulled him up, and proceeded to give the lie direct to his absurd statement. I quite agree with you, dear Vicar. I often wonder if "temperance" people know the meaning of the word which is so constantly on their lips. We could do with more outspoken clerics of your stamp. JOHN BULL.

Miss Orr, 3, New Parks Crescent, Scarborough.

MADAM,—I hear you had a tom cat. It died. I could understand that to cast the body forth upon the highway or into the bust-bin would have been repellant to your feelings. But I am told that your super-tom was enshrouded in silk, placed in an oak coffin, beautifully polished and with the most ornate of brass fittings—and even a silver plate setting forth his name and virtues, with the date of his departure from this vale of tears. Also that he was ceremoniously interred by the local undertaker. You could not have done more for a human being, and by so much as you have spent in good money and sentiment upon this cat, in times when deserving men and women want, you have done less. Can you not now find one starving child to replace this dead cat? JOHN BULL.

In the Barber's Chair - - - - **Major Christopher Lowther.**

Good arfternoon, sir. Wot kin I 'ave the pleasure? . . . . . *Shavin'?* Cert'n'y. P'raps you'll be good enough to set in this 'ere chair. . . . *W'y thet chair?* Becos, between you an' me, sir, nex' to the Speaker's Chair, it's p'raps the most famous seat in the Kingdom! Even the King 'as set in it, an' any number o' princes an' prominent politicians. . . . *'As the Speaker ever set in it?* I believe 'e 'as, now you mention it; an', speakin' of the Speaker, I'm in 'opes of seein' 'is son, Major Christopher, settin' in it too! *There's* a young man with a mind of 'is own. It runs in the family. Funny thing, I 'appened to be readin' a bit of English 'ist'ry the other night—a thing I sometimes does w'en I'm feelin' a bit fed-up—an' I come acrorss somethink a Sir John Lowther sed in 1692, w'ich is a goodish w'ile ago. 'E sed nobody could know one day wot the 'Ouse o' Commons would do the next. I reckon thet's as true to-day as w'en the words was sed. An' you kin say the same thing not on'y about the 'Ouse as a n'ole, but about individjool members. F'rinstance, 'oo expected young Major Lowther to sack the Co-alition an' come out on the side of Mister Bottomley an' 'is little band of Independents? . . . *You did?* P'raps you did. P'raps you've got advarntages for knowin' wot other people don't. P'raps you're Major Christopher 'isself, since you reckon to know sich a n'ell of a lot about 'im? . . . Wot? . . . *Thet's jest 'oo you are?* Well, I'm proud ter meet cher, Major! If there's anythink I do admire it's a young man wot thinks for 'isself an' 'as the pluck to ack accordin' to 'is convictions. You oughter be a *h*acquisition to the Independent Group, becos I was lookin' up "'Oo's 'Oo" the other day, jest to see wot it 'ad to say about chew . . . *W'y?* Well, I knew you was Mister Speaker's son, an' all thet, but I wanted to see wot you'd done orf your own bat. I was surprised. I 'ardly thought thet a young man like you could 'ave crowded so much into 'is life. In the Diplomatic Service abroad for two years, you was. Then you was wounded in Frawnce in 1915, an' was an A.P.M. 'ere at 'ome for a time. Now, all thet's experience—the sort of experience wot's given you a independent mind. I know 'ow you felt about the Coalition—you got absolootly fed up with their sloppy policy an' everlarstin' wanglin' an' you decided to chuck it for somethink better—Bottomley's Patriotic, Independent, Business Group—an' you done the right thing. I don't know 'ow your constitchewents will like it, but if they give you notice to quit you will always be able to git in the 'Ouse on Bottomley's ticket, an' once there again you'll soon catch your fawther's eye. . . . Goo'day, sir, an' good luck!

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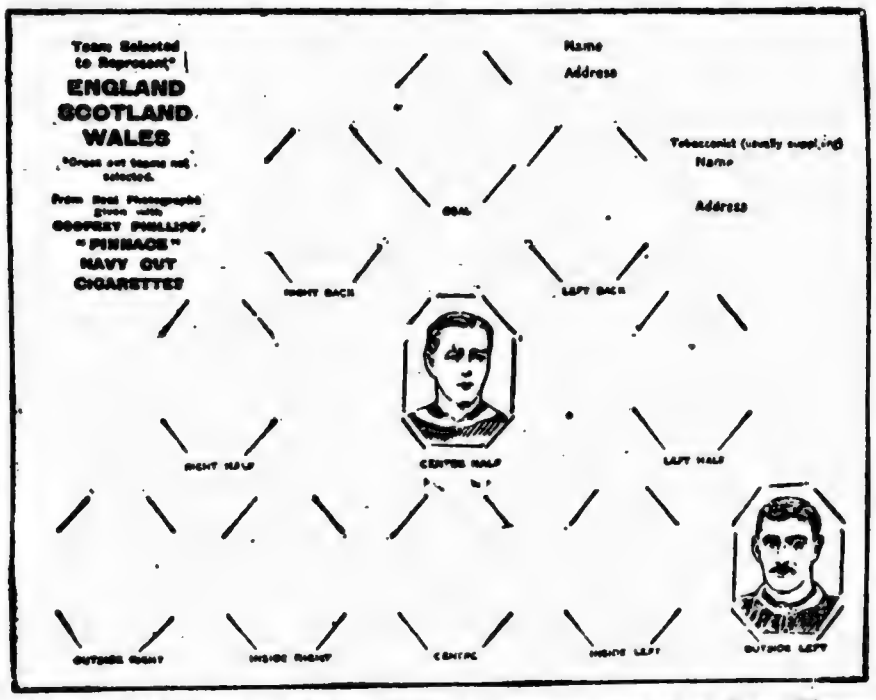

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THE sudden collapse of Farrow's Bank is one more reminder of the risk which the thrifty poor and the "little men" generally run when entrusting their savings and capital to small banks. And in this connection I would direct attention to a notice appearing elsewhere, that an institution, of which for some years past I have been the Governing Director, and whose solvency has never been questioned, will, on my initiative, return in full all money in its hands, and thus set an example to other minor banks. If, however, they decide to continue, Parliament must see to it that their accounts are regularly audited by Board of Trade Inspectors. Consider the number of failures we have had in recent years. Among them were Barker's Bank, the Penny Bank, the Birkbeck Bank, the Charing Cross Bank, and the Cheque Bank. And now comes this crowning catastrophe, involving thousands of families in loss and in some cases, I fear, ruin. Now I am far too old a hand in these matters to be unduly influenced by the flamboyant opening speeches of Counsel prosecuting for the Treasury. They leave me quite cold. I await the evidence both for the prosecution and for the defence before forming any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused—and then, as in law and in decency I am bound to do, I keep my opinion to myself until the case has been judicially disposed of. And all I will say at this stage is that if the Directors of Farrow's Bank have been guilty of nothing more than honest errors of judgment, they will be entitled to the full measure of relief which our system of justice provides—on the other hand, if they have wantonly sacrificed the savings of the poor, no punishment can be too condign. Those, however, are solemn issues which it is for the Court and the Court alone to determine; and it is the duty of every fair-minded citizen to suspend his judgment till that decision has been given. What I am concerned with to-day is a purely practical business matter, standing quite apart from the question of the guilt or innocence of the Farrow Directors and from the character, whatever it may have been, of the past administration of the Bank. *I want to rescue all that can be rescued for the benefit of its customers.* We have had some experience of how, in forced liquidations of this kind, assets have been sacrificed—perhaps unavoidably so—in order to close the administration of the estates, and have subsequently developed into properties of great value. I would point to Whitehall Court and the Hotel Cecil as two apt illustrations. They were part of the "worthless" investments of the "Liberator" Society. And then there are the lucrative blocks of flats and other buildings which were a drug in the market on the failure of the Law Guarantee Society. And similar illustrations could be given in other cases.

Farrow's Assets.

Coming, however, to Farrow's, it has been officially announced that by the aid of the big banks a first dividend of two shillings in the pound is to be paid, but that no more than a shilling further is to be expected. That means that out of a total sum of about four million pounds deposited by the public, only about £600,000 will be recoverable. Now that is an alarming prospect, and I confess it fills me with deep concern. I do not profess to have full inside knowledge as to the assets of the Bank, but I know something about many of them. There are those valuable buildings—including the freehold Head Office at Cheapside; there are those 150 acres of freehold land at Barrington, in Cambridgeshire, occupied by the Dreadnought Portland Cement Company—the capital of which I have always understood was held by the Bank. It is said there are available fifteen million tons of raw material, marl and chalk, and I have reason to know that the property was recently valued by two eminent experts at a large sum. Then there is that freehold estate at Erdington and Gravelly Hill, near Birmingham, and land at Heathfield, and Liverton in Devon; there are the Gazeland (Cornwall) and Colquite estates, with their china clay deposits. I am also under the impression that there is a large holding of shares in Lewis & Collins, the geyser firm, and a dividend-paying concern; a large shareholding in Alban & Richards, the well-known contractors, also dividend-paying; and a freehold estate at Beddington, near Croydon. What else there may be, I am unable to say. But these things are all more or less generally known in the commercial world and will doubtless come to light in full detail in due course. Naturally, such properties require careful handling, but careful handling in compulsory liquidations means an enormous amount of red-tape, of legal paraphernalia, of law costs, accountancy charges, valuers' fees, auctioneers' commissions, and a variety of other expenses—and, above all, of interminable delay; and I should like to know how much was estimated to be the probable total to go under these heads when the final dividend of a shilling was arrived at. It will be observed that I have said nothing about cash and Government securities, which must have amounted to a substantial sum at the time of the stoppage of the Bank. Accordingly, I have been thinking the matter over very deeply, stirred by the hundreds of distressing appeals which have reached me. They are too heart-rending to quote. I prefer to endeavour to be of practical assistance, and, after due deliberation, I have decided upon a step which may or may not involve financial loss. I do not think it will. On the contrary, I think it is a sound business proposition—at any rate, I am prepared to face it, and therefore, in conjunction with some of my financial friends, I have decided to make an offer for the entire assets of the Bank, upon terms which will give its customers a further two shillings in the pound over and above the three shillings already promised. In other words, they will get a quarter of their money back, whilst it is just possible that, if my offer be accepted, I shall be able to devise a scheme for the nursing and development of some of the properties, in connection with which further benefits may be secured for the sufferers.

MY OFFER TO

5s. in the £ instead of 3s.—Senior Officia

By THE

JOHN BULL (to the Farrow's Bank depositors):—

FARROW'S BANK.

ficial Receiver's Amazing Reply to my Offer.

HE EDITOR.

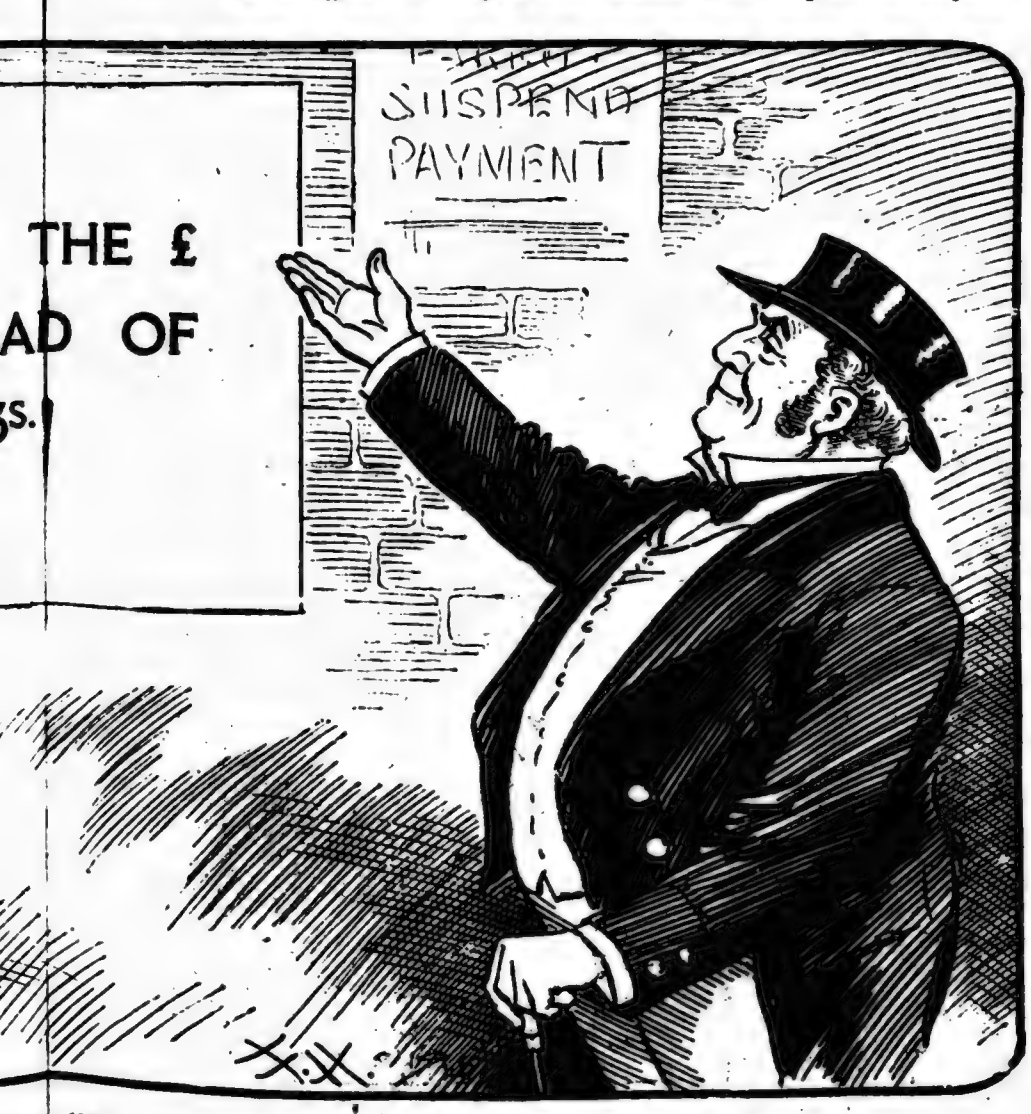
Thus on Thursday, the 20th of this month, I addressed the following letter to Sir Laurence Halsey, the Special Manager :—

Re Farrow's Bank.

I have read with great concern the official announcement to the effect that beyond the interim dividend of 2s. about to be declared to the depositors and customers of this Bank, you do not anticipate the distribution of more than a further shilling in the pound. With some general knowledge of the working of these big liquidations, and in the light of special information respecting some of the assets of this particular undertaking, I am—rightly or wrongly—of opinion that with careful and business-like realisation, a considerably larger dividend could be secured for the unfortunate sufferers by the Bank's failure, and, to come to the point, I beg to inquire whether, subject of course to satisfactory guarantees, you would consider an offer of five shillings in the pound for the total assets of the undertaking—thus enabling you to increase materially the amount to be distributed.

I cannot believe that you will treat my proposal other than in a serious spirit, and I am prepared at once to enter into the necessary contract with you, backed by such guarantees as, under the direction of the Court, you may require—and, of course, upon the understanding that in the meantime no private sales of premises or any other assets are to take place.

By way of evidence as to the bona-fides of this offer, I shall be prepared, upon your giving an undertaking to the above effect, to lodge a substantial cash deposit with you.



s) :—"*There's* a bit of news that may interest you!"

Sir Laurence Halsey promptly acknowledged this communication, stating that he thought it desirable to lay my offer at once before the Liquidator, the Senior Official Receiver, and I accordingly received from Mr. Burgess, writing on his behalf, the following letter, which I can only describe as amazing :—

> I am desired by the Senior Official Receiver to reply to your communication of the 20th inst., and to inform you that the information at present at his disposal does not justify him in saying that the assets will realise 5s. in the £, but if he can be satisfied with guarantees that the money will be forthcoming he will immediately take steps to enquire further into the whole of the assets with a view to giving consideration to such an offer.

Note that phrase—that, subject to satisfactory guarantees, the Senior Official Receiver "will immediately take steps to enquire further into the whole of the assets." And yet only a few days previously he had authorised the publication of the following :—

> The Senior Official Receiver announces that the banks constituting the London Bankers' Clearing-House Committee have been approached by him for assistance by making an advance to enable him to pay an immediate dividend to the deposit and current-account holders of Farrow's Bank, and they have responded favourably to his appeal. The assets which he is able to pledge as security do not justify more than an advance of a sum sufficient to pay a dividend of 2s. in the £. The liability to depositors and current-account holders amounts to slightly under £4,000,000, but other claims may arise which he thinks may be safely estimated not to exceed £500,000. It is too early to say what the remaining assets will realise, but the Official Receiver and the Special Manager estimate that the further dividend which may be ultimately distributed will not amount to more than an additional 1s. in the £, unless the realisation should show a more favourable result than is at present anticipated.

Note another phrase—"*The Official Receiver and the Special Manager estimate that the further dividend which may be ultimately distributed will not amount to more than an additional shilling in the pound, unless the realisation should show a more favourable result than is at present anticipated.*" And yet within five days, when confronted with a definite offer providing an additional three shilling instead of one shilling distribution, he promises "to enquire further into the whole of the assets"!. In these circumstances I sent the following reply :—

> I have your letter of the 20th, in reply to one I addressed to Sir Laurence Halsey, under the erroneous impression that he was acting as Liquidator as well as Special Manager of Farrow's Bank. Will you permit me to say that your letter has caused me intense surprise. A few days ago you announced that "unless the realisation should show a more favourable result than is at present anticipated," both you and the Special Manager "estimate that the further dividend which may be ultimately distributed will not amount to more than an additional shilling in the pound." And now, when a serious offer is made which will enable that additional dividend to be three shillings instead of one shilling, you say that, subject to satisfactory guarantees, you will "immediately take steps to enquire further into the whole of the assets." Will you forgive me for saying that, whilst I am fully conscious of the intricate and difficult nature of this Liquidation, I feel it was due to the large number of sufferers by the Bank's failure, —many of whom have sent me heartrending appeals—that the fullest possible investigation into the assets should have been made before any definite prediction of a final dividend was published?
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> However, to come to the point—will you submit my offer to the Court, giving me notice of the application, in order that I may ascertain the views of the Judge as to what security should be put up by way of guarantee? Please believe that I am very earnest in this matter.

And there, at the time of going to press, the matter stands. Next week, however, I shall doubtless have more definite news. For the moment, I must be content if I have simply been the means of bringing about a revised estimate of the assets of the unfortunate concern, and thus afforded a further small ray of hope in the homes of the thousands of sufferers through the failure.

In giving publicity on this page to views of correspondents, preference will be accorded to brief letters or postcards bearing name and address for publication.

All communications must be marked "P.P." in left-hand corner.

The PEOPLE'S PULPIT

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

Letters and postcards for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," pages 18 and 19.

The Telephone Tax.

Various Departments of the Government have given the public glaring examples of bad management. The latest is the present increase of telephone charges. A private company would not have sanctioned a charge so detrimental to business enterprise. A Business Government by Business Men is *urgently* required!—E. O. LUCAS, Portland.

(*We seem to remember saying something of the same kind ourselves on at least one or two occasions.*)

Automatic Stamp Machines.

As the Post Offices now close on Sundays, dinner hours, and locally at 7 p.m., the majority of working people have great difficulty in purchasing stamps. Why not multiply the automatic stamp machines, place them in close proximity to suburban post offices, and confer a boon on the public?—T. R. KEMP, Markby Road, Birmingham.

(*It has always been a mystery to us that these convenient machines are not more widely distributed.*)

Driven to Quacks.

Through the new system of Medical Cards being open for the "eyes of many" to examine, vast additional difficulties will arise in the fight against venereal diseases. Instead of patients seeking their Panel doctor and receiving proper attention, quacks and sly treatment will be sought for, and many a life ruined.—W. H. LETTS, Barnwood, near Gloucester.

(*Unfortunately, the Ministry of Health has as yet given no evidence of its determination to grapple seriously with the problem of Venereal Disease.*)

False "Economy."

There is employment in Cologne alone for hundreds of discharged soldiers, if the "Powers-that-be" would allow the men they compelled to leave the Service to rejoin and resume their places, which have been taken by German civilians, employed on food dumps, salvage dumps, as clerks, mess-waiters, etc. I am told it is a question of cost; but—count our losses daily by theft of Government property by these Jerries, as reported in the *Cologne Post* each day, and you will find that the British guardian for British property is the cheapest in the end!—J. DATTIE, Cologne.

(*We can well believe this, and regret that the War Office are not more alive to the pre-eminent claims of the ex-soldier.*)

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. Johnson.

The Navy Way!

As our M.P.s are paid servants of the State, if they are absent from the House of Commons why not treat them as the Admiralty treat our Jack Tars? Stop them a day's pay for every three hours' or part of three hours' absence? Of course, allow for any reasonable excuse. Also each week publish the names of those who were absent. Their electors would then know if their M.P. attended regularly, which it is impossible to know now.—STEPHEN F. MARSHALL, West Kensington Gardens, W.

(*Doubtless such a scheme would make lazy legislators "sit up."*)

Cyclists' Death-Traps.

In the growing list of road accidents most of the victims are cyclists and motor-cyclists. If it were the practice to examine the precise spots where such casualties occurred, instead of merely reporting at the Coroners' inquests "He skidded," scores of death-traps would be revealed—especially places in congested thoroughfares, where tram-lines are allowed to project several inches higher than roadways, which have sunken through dis-repair. It is as much as a cyclist's neck is worth to attempt to cross such tram-lines on a "greasy" night. The state of our roads is scandalous!—A. H. JOHNSON, Billing Road, Northampton.

Empty Houses.

In Blackpool there are about 500 empty houses, all "for sale," at a price which few of the ex-Service men—of whom there are 1,800 waiting for houses to be erected under the official scheme—can afford. Most of these men are without a home and, judging by the "progress" of the scheme, they look like being without homes for the rest of their lives!—B. BRILEY, Coronation Street, Blackpool.

(*There is no more lamentable result of the failure of the Government to grapple with business problems on commonsense lines than the continued house famine to which our correspondent refers.*)

Fares and Freights.

If the Government were to take the drastic step of reducing railway and postage charges there would be an immediate and amazing fall in the cost of living. Cut freights, fares and postages would release the present stranglehold on trade and enterprise brought about by existing rates, and though no doubt such a course would be promptly set down by many as economically unsound, the good effects would enormously outweigh any possible disadvantages.—H. T. W. WORRELL, S. Margaret's Terrace, Bognor.

(*There is a great deal of force in the suggestion, but a Government responsible for the monstrous new telephone charges are very unlikely to take such a sane departure.*)

Kitchener—And His Men.

In 1914, this stern, upright man appealed to the nation, then in direct peril, "Britain wants men!" The men came at his call. They fought, many died, some returned—for what? In 1921, were Kitchener living, would he not again appeal, "Britain's men want work"? Could we not lay out a fine wide thoroughfare to replace the ugly Brentford approach to London, and give to it the name of that great leader? Thus would work be found for his men, and his memory be perpetuated.—STANLEY WRIGHT, Brownlow Road, Harlesden, N.W.

(*While entirely sympathising with the desire to raise a suitable memorial to Lord Kitchener, we think the proposed new road should be considered on its merits as a business proposition.*)

Government "Business" Methods.

Just before the war a friend of mine bought some goods to the value of £6 10s. 7d. from a German firm trading in London and Hamburg. Recently he received a letter from the Government "Clearing Office (Enemy Debts)" demanding payment of the sum with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. from 6th August, 1914, to 9th January, 1921, adding, "If this amount is not received *by return of post* interest will continue to run against you." The point is that the account was paid immediately after delivery of the goods, and my friend holds the vendors' discharge!—THOMAS K. DEWAR, High Street, Blairgowrie, N.B.

(*Apart from the obvious error of book-keeping involved, the claim for interest on debts due to Germans always strikes us as the limit of impudence*).

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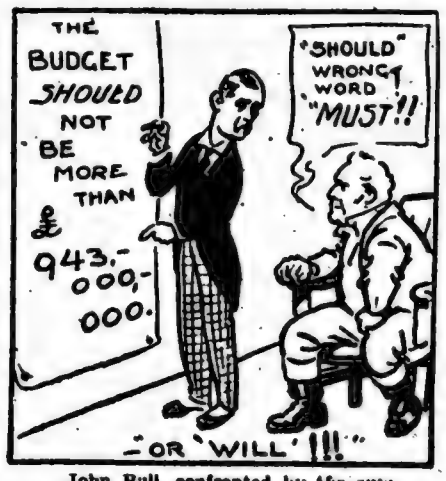

John Bull, confronted by the sum
Quoted by Bonar Law,
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You *must* not make it more!"

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He has the wisdom to prefer
From Party to be free.

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Bank Rate Delusions.

It is not easy to discover why the City suddenly came to the conclusion that the Bank Rate was to be reduced almost immediately. In normal times this is a period of the year when money is usually very "tight" owing to the heavy revenue collections, and the current quarter will be nearly a record in that respect. Apart from that, capital demands are very urgent and it is certain that if Lombard Street had the casting vote on the subject there would be no reduction in the official minimum at present. In any case, both the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chancellor of the Exchequer happen to be on holiday at present, and it is almost incredible that any decision will be taken in their absence.

Gilt-Edged Recovery.

All the same there has been a wonderful revival in Government and other gilt-edged securities, on the belief (sedulously cultivated in semi-official circles) that the Rate would be reduced. Evidence of that is to be found in the success of the latest Local Loans issue, whereas a few months ago the underwriters had to take over 70 per cent. of a similar amount. Naturally it would make a substantial difference to the value of all fixed interest securities if it were possible to make a 6 per cent.—or still better a 5 per cent.—rate effective. Unfortunately financial conditions are much less favourable now than they were when the 7 per cent. rate was imposed against the advice of the best informed people in the City, and the present movement seems to be rather in the nature of a counsel of despair.

Chartered Compensation.

General disappointment has been expressed at the findings of Lord Cave's Commission, on the question as to the amount of the compensation which should be paid to the Chartered Co. (B.S.A.), on the assumption that its administrative powers ceased at March 31, 1918. The amount of the award is £4,435,000 subject to certain adjustments, including a charge for the value of lands appropriated by the company for its commercial purposes and those alienated by it for considerations other than cash.

The Company's Claim.

The amended claim of the company, delivered in July, 1919, was for £7,866,000, plus interest, which would have raised the total to about £18,000,000. The Commission refused to admit the claim for interest, and as will be seen reduced the demand for re-imbursement of expenditure by over £3,400,000. It does not look very generous treatment for all the trouble and expense of settling this magnificent territory of some 450,000 square miles.

Future Prospects.

But the shareholders need not be unduly depressed. The administrative functions of the company have been a millstone round its neck, and if it is left to attend entirely to its commercial interests it will probably be to the benefit of all concerned. Under similar circumstances the Royal Niger Co. forged ahead to such good purpose that Lever Bros. considered the £1 shares a desirable purchase at £6 10s. a piece, and the possibilities in Rhodesia are at least equally good.

Farrow's Failure.

Disclosures in connection with the failure of Farrow's Bank do not make cheerful reading, and I am afraid the liquidation will turn out much worse than I originally expected. At first I believed the creditors would get between 10s. and 15s. in the £, but the Liquidator and Special Manager can produce only an immediate payment of 2s., and do not hold out hopes of more than another 1s. at most. It is a sad business, but I still think that something ought to be done for the benefit of the small depositors who can ill afford to lose such a large proportion of their savings, and I am glad to hear that Mr. Bottomley is actively interesting himself in the matter.

Odhams Press.

There has been quite an active market in both the 8 per cent. Preference and the Ordinary shares during the past week or ten days. As I have already told my readers, they are a splendid purchase at present prices. The accounts, which will shortly be issued, will show that the company has had an excellent year.

John Bull Bank.

It is announced that all depositors and customers of this bank may, without notice, withdraw their money in full—Mr. Bottomley, the Governor of the Bank, having decided to close the concern at a very early date, being convinced that, however sound any such institution may be, it is not desirable to encourage the formation of these small private banks—at any rate, pending the passing of a Bill giving the Board of Trade the right to audit their accounts every six months.

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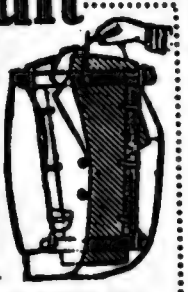

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Attention!—The last mail from Egypt brings us a grouse from the Aircraft Depot at Aboukir Camp. We give the O.C. the tip that flying men should be properly fed and kept to their own duties.

Back to the Land:—It is now officially announced that no applications by ex-officers and men of education for grants for training in agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries will be considered if received after 31st March next.

The Man who Helps:—Disabled officers and nurses who served during the Great War, and widows and dependants of officers deceased, can obtain helpful advice and information regarding their rights under the regulations of the Ministry of Pensions by applying to the "Officers' Friend," Ministry of Pensions, Cromwell House, London, S.W.1, or at any of the Regional Offices of the Ministry.

From Egypt:—Grouses reach us from Kantara, which ungodly place is on the Suez Canal. If there is a "brass cap" in charge of the district he might spend a few days visiting the troops and asking for their pet complaints. A few hours spent in Kantara East with the R.E. and R.A.O. Corps, may supply him with much food for thought. Our white troops are not altogether pariah dogs.

Old Iron:—In the *Western Evening Herald*, Plymouth, was an advertisement offering a job to a pensioner and wife to look after an invalid gentleman. An ex-bluejacket applied, and was told that he would have two rooms free, gratis, and for nothing. He should "chop sticks, and do any little thing he was asked to do." His wife should do washing for three persons, and clean windows and steps. Then, when the old gentleman became queer in his head, they should look after him. Pay for the lot—£12 per annum! The ex-Jack wishes he could get back to sea for active service on a "Q" boat!

A Good Work Done:—During the war the next of kin of a soldier at the door of death was granted a return travelling voucher to see him before he died. After Armistice the privilege was cut off, and we raised Cain about it. Now—as a result, we believe—an Army Council Instruction has been issued, entitling relatives to a free travelling voucher to visit soldiers who are dangerously ill, and to attend funerals. Good!

Rather Strange:—Some men arrived with a draft from India and were posted to a battalion stationed in Dublin. Their average service abroad without leave was eleven years, and yet unless they re-engage to complete 21 years, they are refused a furlough to see such relatives as may still be alive. We trust that this will catch the eye of the Officer-Commanding, and that he will give the men the dues that are theirs.

Poor Old Jack:—The advertisement he saw read:—"Scullery-man and vegetable cook wanted at once (single man). Matron, Wye College, near Ashford." Jack bit the advertisement and applied. Wages £30 a year, all found, and he would get the job if his Naval discharge happened to be top-hole. Few men, even ex-sailors, work for mere beer-money in these hard days! The prodigal institution is the "South Eastern Agricultural College (University of London)."

Our Daily "Thank You":—From Mrs. E. D. ——, Ryde, I.O.W.:—"I am writing for my husband to thank you for getting his pension through. He has now drawn all arrears that he has been trying to get for a whole year. He had given up all hope of ever getting it; but I was quite confident that you would soon get what he was entitled to. We are indeed grateful to you. There are many homes in England to-day that have reason to bless you. Please add enclosed to your Fund."

RACING NOTES.

(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the SPORTING LIFE.*)*

Warning Note.

We must repeat the warning note we issued at the time the Spring Entries appeared. This is not to be in a hurry to wager on either the Lincoln or National. Many people have already burned their fingers over Wavy Stripe, who may not be now trained for the race. Backers of Poltava may find at the finish that the grey cannot act if the going at Lincoln is at all heavy, while many owners may not find themselves satisfied with the weights. Again, there has been so much newspaper talk as regards Always' weight for the National that his trainer may find him crushed out of it.

Sarchedon as a Hurdler.

Well as Sarchedon is known to jump, we would prefer to see him perform in public before being desirous of risking more than the merest trifle on him. The classic grey runs in the Maiden Hurdle at Gatwick to-day, and however he acquits himself, he will be seen to more advantage when fitter. Like Galroy, Gore, his trainer, has not had time enough with him.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

GATWICK—WEDNESDAY.
Stewards' Chase—DESMOND'S SONG.
Brook Chase—WAVERTREE.
Wickham Hurdle—DISCREET.

GATWICK—THURSDAY.
Coulsdon Hurdle—IRISH FAIR.
Surrey Chase—*OCEAN STAR.
Amateur Riders' Hurdle—GOOD POINTS.

KEMPTON PARK—FRIDAY.
Sunbury Hurdle—FIELDFARE.
Kempton Park Hurdle—*KIRKHARLE.
Middlesex Hurdle—GALROY.

KEMPTON PARK—SATURDAY.
Novices' Chase—ARRAVALE.
Cranford Chase—*OLD TAY BRIDGE.
Egham Hurdle—GLEN EAGLE.

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Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Held by the Enemy:—An ex-soldier in Ireland is unemployed by order of the Sinn Feiners. His wife recently gave birth to a child, who died. The poor woman was in need of extra nourishment and comforts, which we provided.

Only too Common:—A wounded and discharged man has but a poor pension to live on. He has been out of work for many months, and although he had pawned and sold most of his home, was heavily in debt. He has a wife and child to support.

Poor Old Girl!—An aged and infirm old gentlewoman who is within reach of the old age pension is now ill and unable to work. She is alone in the world, and was in much distress when she came to us.

Down and Out:—When a Tommy was demobilised he believed that there was work waiting for him to pick up. But experience showed him the state of the labour market. He could not find a job, has three children, got head over ears in debt, a youngster is about to arrive, and he did not know how to turn until he thought of us.

Very Hard Up:—A man has a wife and four youngsters. He has been unable to work for some time owing to illness. The sole income of the family is 7s. 6d. a week.

Threatened!—A woman has four children and an ailing husband. Most of the home was sold, the family was starving, and threatening letters from creditors were pouring in.

A CASE—AND AN APPEAL.

This is one of the cruellest cases sent to us during the past week, but we have had others that were close upon its heels:—"Dear Sir,—I am writing to see if I can get some assistance from you, as I am in very poor circumstances. I am out of employment, and have not got a penny piece at home, or food of any kind. My wife was taken very bad this morning and I had to fetch in a doctor, who tells her that she must remain in bed at least a fortnight. She has to be given nourishment; but how to get it I do not know, for I had to pawn the only thing left in the house—a pair of boots—this morning for 5s. Out of this half-a-crown went to the doctor for his fee, and after I had bought milk and one egg for my wife I had nothing left again. Also I am in arrears with my rent, and my home, on the hire system, is in arrears, and I might tell you, sir, that I have only one shirt to my back, having four in pawn, also my wife's wedding-ring, four sheets, one blanket, and one quilt. My wife has not one stitch to her back, and I cannot wonder at her being ill. I might mention, sir, that I had help from you a few months ago, but that went to the furniture people, otherwise we should have lost our home. As proof I enclose my rent book, pawn tickets, and doctor's certificate. I have great hopes of starting work in three or four weeks' time."

There is a very common human document for you, and it is backed up solidly by a clergyman's recommendation. And this extracts from us a few words of appeal to the ministers of religion and doctors who support appeals to us. We find that some guarantors upon whom we largely depend use ambiguous language that does not always impress us. May we appeal to our doctors and ministers of religion to be a little more careful when recommending cases? Every application that is proved to be genuine is helped by return of post; but we want our guarantors to assist us to fend off the work-shies and the frauds. They often number up by districts and streets.

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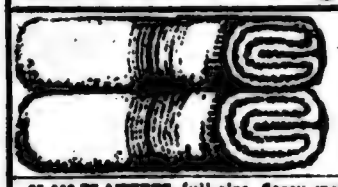 8,150 Pairs Extra Heavy Treble Weave Union Woollen Mixture BLANKETS, weighing over 8 lb. a pair. Guaranteed to last over 20 years. NOTE BARGAIN. 2 for £3 17 6. 4 for £3 0 0.	8 FOR £ s. d. 3 17 6	8 FOR £3 0 0	4 FOR £1 12 6
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E. G. (Ottery St. Mary).—We must not make invidious distinctions as to the use or uselessness of our colleagues in the House of Commons. Speaking generally, they are a poor lot.

H. G. B. (Beccles) wonders "when an Englishman will enjoy the proud title of freeman again instead of being chained up like a dog." Be good enough to address yourself to the Uncontrolled Board.

W. H. G. (Forest Hill).—There is no doubt that the eyes of intelligent working men are gradually being opened to the tyranny of Trade Unions.

T. G. B. (Scunthorpe).—Whoever has been telling you that "all Members of Parliament and Government officials are exempt from Income Tax"? Alas, alas, it is not so.

A. S. (Gloucester).—"May the new year bring more power to your elbow." It certainly seemed more powerful when we bent it just now.

A. G. B. (Dover) reminds us that "Sir Thomas Polson's committee rooms in Dover were formerly a pharmacy." An ideal place from which to dispense anti-waste pills.

T. W. (Manchester) AND OTHERS.—You must not confuse Mr. Ernest Outhwaite, the prospective Independent candidate for Hastings, with Mr. Robert L. Outhwaite, an ex-Member of Parliament and notorious Pacifist.

"A POSTAL WORKER" (Grimsby).—"The public certainly need have no fear of a Post Office strike." Then what on earth do you want with a Strike Fund?

G. H. H. (Heywood).—Your suggestion for the issue of identity cards—specially designed to reduce the number of bigamy cases—in connection with the forthcoming census, shall have our best consideration; but love, you know, laughs at all this sort of thing!

B. O. (Bristol).—You ask us to tell you whether we are a Freemason. We were taught to be cautious.

A. N. T. (London, E.).—"Letters to the Editor are nearly always from the same people." Yes, there's a chap called Mr. Anon who seems to have nothing better to do than write continually to the papers.

M. C. G. (New York).—In the meantime, as far as we are able, we are filling the place of the coming Public Defender.

W. K. W. (Roker).—Although you accuse us of "doing immense harm" by describing one of the Gospel stories as "a beautiful legend," you yourself have so little reverence for sacred things as to abbreviate the name of the Second Person in the Trinity to "Xt."

"THE UNKNOWN."—There never was your equal in trying to do good for the people." Thanks, thanks. This is overwhelming—after Dover, too.

"GUNNER" (Fareham).—"We ought to be ashamed of ourselves. We are far too lenient with Jerry." Carried *nem. con.*

A. R. D. (Canning Town) sends a cutting from a New York paper containing "reasons" why America "should declare war" on us over Ireland. Simply "dry" rot.

"LITTLE JIM" (Sandle Bridge).—Most big firms want money to pay the wages—not a wages clerk. They are using more bad language about the Government than the ex-Service men in your "home from home."

"OLD MARKET" (Beccles).—"Could you let me know if a passport is required? If so, where to apply." If you are going abroad, yes. Passport Office, St. James's Park, London. It will have to be vised by the Consul of the country to which you are proceeding.

"HERO" (Brisbane).—"Try and agitate to stop missionary parties from running round these islands." We might as well try to stop bluebottles buzzing round bad meat.

H. B. (Bristol).—"Don't let my name transpire." Certainly not. We would sooner it should expire.

H. C. (Nuneaton).—"Commencing with Government Departments . . . give a short account of what they *haven't done*." It would be easier to give a short account of what they have done.

"DISGUSTED" (Maida Vale, W.).—Don't be so censorious. Much is forgivable on New Year's Eve.

A. E. S. (Streatham).—"I do long for the day when JOHN BULL will be an evangelistic paper." It is, in the cause of righteousness and, as you say, "no cant."

"ANNOYED" (Lampeter).—It must have been distinctly annoying to be called a "drunkard and a tramp" by a J.P. and local Bible puncher. Whether the accusation was true or false, he was certainly no lady.

MRS. E. B. (Trowbridge).—"Would you kindly tell me how many more Christmases we have celebrated than Good Fridays?" It is on these occasions that we realise how our education has been neglected.

H. R. (Sutton Coldfield).—A man who kills a dog with an axe should not be fined 40s., as happened in your district. But then Mr. Skelton, the one Magistrate who disagreed, could not very well suggest a second use of the axe.

"TYKE" (Leeds).—Your friend whose "habit of suddenly jumping is the cause of all" his 59 convictions is certainly "a very bad case" either of shell-shock, as you think, or jail-fever, as the police think.

"HAROLD" (Leebotwood).—Probably the Shropshire C.C. can't make headway with the small holdings buildings on account of short cash and high-priced material and labour.

"CANADA" (Halifax, N.S.).—Essays on international relations, when scribbled in faint pencil, are apt to be unattractive to our tired eyes.

A. E. T. (Kilburn, N.W.).—While boxers demand such big fees, we don't see how the prices of admission to their shows can be greatly reduced.

G. W. (Ilford).—"A swallow or two do not make a summer." And we have known cases in which one swallow has failed to quench a thirst.

"SCOTTIE" (Cults).—We cannot comment on "common knowledge" about any man.

F. W. F. (Hailsham).—We duly note the "ad." for the very perfect Christian couple. It is a comfort to see that only the man must be a non-smoker.

T. B. (Middlesbro') says his late employer keeps on three Irishmen "just over," and has sacked him. Perhaps he's an Irishman himself.

N. L. (Patlam, India).—So you lost your "baggage" and were charged "about double fare" on the railways, going out. Sorry, you know, and all that, but these particular "dam robbers" are rather beyond our reach.

C. W. F. (Ipswich) has a "remedy" for unemployment. "Order every eligible person exempted from military service to be sacked and replaced by an ex-Service man." That wouldn't be a remedy.

"REGULAR READER" (City Road).—Whoever took your "marriage lines," military medal and papers, and has omitted to return them to you, is a dirty dog who deserves to be shot at dawn, if not earlier.

J. J. E. (Hereford).—"Why is there such a cry of unemployment?" Because there's such a devil of a lot of it.

S. H. B. (Penzance).—"There are many men whose shortness of stature prevent them having a good view." What about dainty ankles and a windy day?

"AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM" (Dover).—"Your impudence seems to know no bounds." That is a matter of opinion. But there is no doubt about there being bounds to your courage, else you would have had the pluck to sign your name.

T. W. (Houston, Texas).—Sorry cannot reproduce the three columns of Yankee bluff you send. We're a paper, not a W.P.B.

"WIDOW OF 76" (Durham).—"Are there no large houses which could be converted into Homes for Widows in reduced circumstances?" Yes, but nobody looks like converting 'em.

"IN THE KNOW" (Faversham).—"It's a dash shame the way they treat the boys in the local shipyard here." We are not in the know.

R. B. A. (Old Colwick).—"I feel that I must write to you." And very feelingly you write, too.

J. A. T. (Sherburn Hill).—"I had occasion to travel from Sherburn to Newcastle-on-Tyne on Wednesday this last week." Now, which last week do you really mean?

"A WOMAN" (Hove).—"Can your valuable paper do anything to stop the Insurance doctors from putting down complaints?" What's the good of a doctor who can't put down a complaint?

MAJOR HARDING COX (Garrick Club) is anxious for it to be known that he is not the "Major Cox" mentioned in our recent article on the Ex-Officers' Co-operative Resettlement Association, of 31, Bedford Row, London, W.C.

R. E. S. (North Walsham).—"Which is the longest distance, round a square 20 acre field, or round an oblong 20 acre field?" Can't say. We always take the short cut across.

A. W. B. (Balham).—We have frequently warned readers against the unscrupulous methods of a certain class of hairdresser. There is nothing like that about our tame Barber.

J. M. (Aberdeen).—A Scotsman ought to get the better of a Manchester firm without losing heart or temper over a matter of 4s.

"READER" (Reading).—You got only three days' out-of-work pay, although you signed on for six! Your appearance must have led them to think you a half-pay officer.

G. E. B. (Blundeston).—As you say, people such as you describe "cause a very itchy feeling about one's hands, just as if they want to come in contact with someone's nose."

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LETTER BAG.—(Continued.)

"BULL READER" (Bognor) says women barristers, solicitors and jurors should be called barristeresses, solicitrices and juresses. Humbly, we suggest they shouldn't.

J. M. (Edinburgh).—"Please excuse my writing, as I am only a 'Rubber Dumper.'" The only dumper we cannot excuse is the German variety.

G. R. (Battersea).—"The likes of me who wants to work is classed the same as . . . the likes of them." A great big shame.

"INQUISITIVE" (Leytonstone).—"One of our chickens is egg-bound. . . . Also I am informed she is laying ducks' eggs." You can lay three-to-one against that.

"IGNORANT" (Dundee).—"What is the Great £500 "J.B." Puzzle?" Your ignorance amazes us. Bowl round to your newsagent, show him "twa saxpences"—and we wonder if you will want any advice as to how to spend the £300, if you get it.

H. E. W. (Tottenham).—"A young married man is allowed what is equivalent to £65, free of income-tax, the single man supporting a widowed mother, only £25." The bachelor tax. Why not plump for the Government honeymoon gift?

"MOLLY" (Ottawa).—Thanks. Well aware of the strong current of anti-British feeling in Yankeeland; but we don't think Unk. Sam will be allowed to poke his nose into *our* Irish affairs.

"ANOTHER 'WORRIED MOTHER'" (London, N.).—"Being a great reader of your paper. . . ." In that case you certainly should not be a worried mother.

H. H. (Waterbeach).—"Post Office Savings Bank . . . deposits now have no limit." Don't you believe it. Our deposit is very limited indeed.

W. J. R. (Belfast).—"If you cannot take an interest in the matter, we shall still remain good friends." As we desire to remain good friends, we should not think of taking an interest in the matter.

D. D. (Manchester) tells us of five soldiers and their families who have lived rent free since last May. Good luck to them!

H. (Dewsbury).—Now we know the reason for bare-backs. What else can be expected if jumpers are no larger than a ladies' pocket-handkerchief?

"THE DIGGER" (Burton-on-Trent).—"Haven't they put you in a lunatic asylum yet?" You've either a flea in your ear or a bee in your bonnet.

E. H. (S.E.5).—Thanks. Over and over again we have expressed our opinion that in the present state of the labour market married women ought to find employment at home.

"MOTHER" (Balham).—Accept our sympathy. How true it is that never morning wore to evening but some heart did break!

"SEER" (Southampton).—"Do Bulls dream? Then look out Cows!" What heifer are you driving at?

"EX-NAVAL MAN" (Pontnewynydd).—Please get an easier address before you write us again. Your present one has dislocated our jaw and fused the electric light.

"H. 1132" (Dover).—"I am a *strong* Churchwoman." One need be strong to endure some of the parsons' ponderous sermons.

"'BROKE' EX-OFFICER" (Folkestone).—"I should think myself well off if I could earn £400 per ann.!" You might change your opinion after the Income Tax officials had done with you.

ANONYMOUS (Bagborough).—"People are asking if Mr. Lloyd George is getting too big for his boots." That, of course, is by way of giving him socks.

F. M. (Romford).—So you were docked £2 11s. 6d. for over-staying your leave from the training camp to be with your family a little longer. Others are fined for deserting their homes. The ex-Service man gets it hot both ways.

"EX-SOLDIER" (Battersea).—"If only the country were governed by an assembly who cast their votes according to conscience." Rightly-directed conscience, you mean. The path to hell is paved with good intentions.

"WALES" (Colwyn).—Shouldn't be surprised if your wife could tell a rather different story. In any case, soft words won't break your teeth.

"UNEMPLOYED AND DISABLED" (Bodmin).—Sorry we can't make head or tail of your letter. Get somebody to write again for you.

T. F. (Cranbrook).—"I have watched with keen interest your fight for independence at Dover." We had a suspicion that someone was looking.

A. K. (Nottingham).—"You tread on my corns badly." Think yourself lucky you haven't got bunions.

"A POST-OFFICE WORKER" (Southsea).—£1 a week is a sweating wage. The P.M.G. would be better employed in looking into this than in tinkering with telephone charges.

W. A. G. (S.E.1.).—We agree that "economy as practised by the Government is not economy at all." It's bosh, bunkum and blarney.

H. E. (Dundee).—"An accomplished rascal. I am quite prepared to prove it." Right-o! it's up to you. But mind how you go.

"YOURS TRULY" (London, S.W.).—"I have been pushed and actually kicked, and told that I am living on a immoral woman's earing." Supposed to have pawned it, we presume?

J. H. P. (Manchester).—"The Public were hoodwinked and even the *National News* silenced." The "N.N." was still making itself heard last Sunday.

F. W. M. (Alderley Edge) is incensed at the impudence of "Messrs. Swartzman and Rohler, of Nuremberg," holding a toy fair at Manchester. Fancy winning the war for that!

"OBSERVER" (Leek).—Is your "Acme of Poultry Keeping" supposed to be a joke? If so, you've addled it.

A. C. (Hendon).—Perhaps they are asking by telephone whether they should employ ex-Service men as postmen, instead of continuing to use postwomen. Hence the delay in making the change in your district.

E. A. J. (Vancouver).—"Who was Mrs. Asquith before she married?" The future Mrs. Asquith.

"GIFTED" (Gravesend).—If you yourself possessed the "gift of tongues" we don't suppose you would have summoned the defendant for "using obscene language . . . towards you."

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SEEING LIFE	OUGHT TO GO	TRADE SECRET	WATCHING
BLACK AND WHITE	CURIOUS	UNREDEEMED	WORTH A PLACE
SLOW HORSES	WITHOUT FEAR	WON'T HAVE IT	SPORTING OFFER
SOMETHING FOR NOTHING	NEVER SAY DIE	OUR FOLLY	UNEARNED
OUR MEMBER	IN LEAGUE	GAME TO END	MAKING A FUSS

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Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

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Mr. P. B. BURSTON, 42, New St., Salisbury, Wilts: IF WISE—DON'T WORRY—LET FOOLS.
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Mr. B. R. COLLIS, "Stonehurst," Bath St., Rhyl: WHERE SHOE PINCHES—CHANCELLOR MIGHT "MEND IT."
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Matches to be played on Saturday, February 19th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, February 17th.

Home Team		Away Team	Home	Away	Draw
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Bradford City	v.	Liverpool			
Huddersfield T.	v.	Newcastle United			
Manchester City	v.	Tottenham Hotspur			
Sunderland	v.	Aston Villa			
W. Bromwich A.	v.	Chelsea			
Coventry City	v.	Wolverhampton W.			
Fulham	v.	Bristol City			
Leicester City	v.	Notts Forest			
Sheffield Wed.	v.	South Shields			
Brentford	v.	Swindon Town			
Brighton & Hove	v.	Millwall			
Reading	v.	Watford			
Swansea Town	v.	Merthyr Town			

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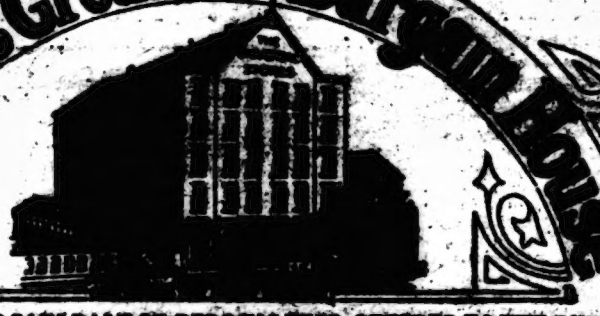

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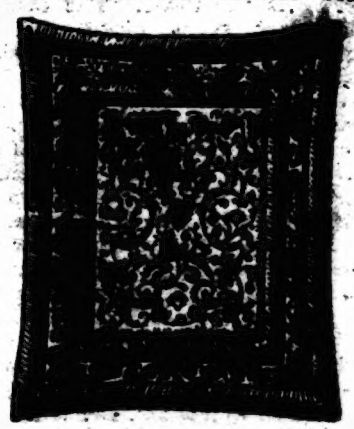

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